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***CARENCRO MAN TRAVELS TO DERIDDER, LOUISIANA TO MEET
WITH MINOR FEMALE AND SOLICITS SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOS***

Faces Minimum 15 years in Federal Prison

Lafayette, Louisiana . . . DOUGLAS FRYE, age 38, from Carencro, Louisiana pled guilty in federal court this morning before United States District Judge Richard T. Haik, to production of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Donald W. Washington.

FRYE was indicted by the federal grand jury in March of this year after investigations by the Louisiana Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) determined that the defendant had been communicating with minor females and discussing in detail sexually explicit matters.

FRYE traveled from Carencro, and admits that he traveled to Deridder, Louisiana to meet with one of the minor females he had been communicating with by internet. He provided the minor female with a cellular telephone and requested that she photograph herself in sexually explicit poses. The minor female produced sexually explicit images of herself using the cellular phone and forwarded the photographs to

FRYE using the cellular telephone's internet connection in June 2005.

Sentencing will be scheduled for a later date to be determined by the Court. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

FRYE faces a minimum of fifteen (15) to a maximum of thirty (30) years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of life in length in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed by the Court.

This case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative announced by the United States Department of Justice in February 2006. The initiative is designed to protect our children from child predators. Under this initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies join together to investigate and prosecute crimes against children facilitated through the Internet or other electronic media and communications devices and to obtain the strictest penalties available under state or federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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